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THE STORM-WALKER!

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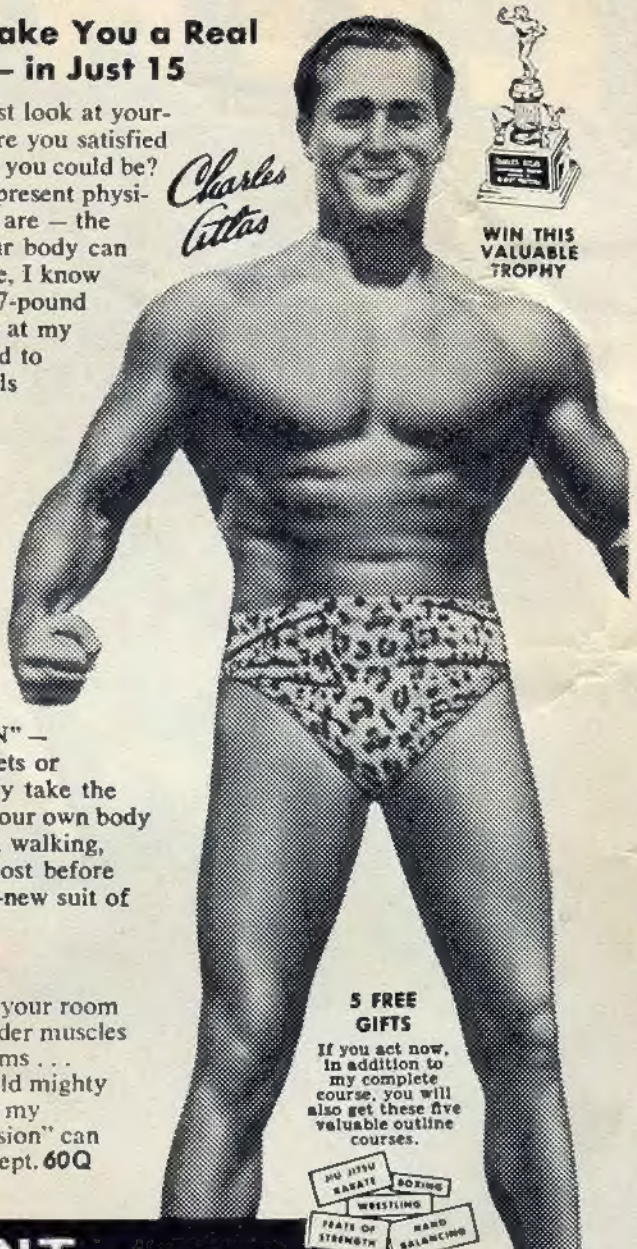

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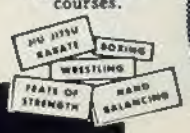

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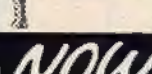

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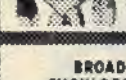

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THE BIG BULLY! I'LL GET EVEN SOME DAY
OH DON'T LET IT BOTHER YOU, LITTLE BOY!
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BOY! IT DIDN'T TAKE ATLAS LONG TO DO THIS FOR ME! WHAT MUSCLES! THAT BULLY WON'T SHOVE ME AROUND AGAIN!
THERE'S THAT BIG STIFF AGAIN, SHOWING OFF IN FRONT OF GRACE AND THE CROWD. WELL IT'S MY TURN THIS TIME!
WHAM! - NOW IT'S YOUR TURN TO DRY UP AND BLOW AWAY!
OH MAC! YOU ARE A REAL MAN AFTER ALL!

Stan Lee PRESENTS: BEWARE! THE MONSTERS ARE COMING!

DOUBLE FEATURE

MURDER... THAT'S WHAT THAT LOOK IN YOUR EYES IS, WARREN KOSTER! EVERY TIME YOU SEE YOUR SUPERIOR, THAT GLINT BLAZES IN YOUR EYES! YOU HATE HIM BECAUSE YOU'D LIKE TO HAVE HIS POSITION... YOU'D LIKE TO BE THE HEAD OF THE MUSEUM! AND IF IT WASN'T FOR HIM, YOU WOULD BE! THAT'S WHY YOU'RE HIDING IN THE MUSEUM AFTER CLOSING TIME... WITH AN ANCIENT AMAZONIAN BIPENNIS IN YOUR HAND! HERE COMES YOUR BOSS... AND THERE'S THAT LOOK IN YOUR EYES AGAIN... MURDER, WARREN KOSTER... MURDER!
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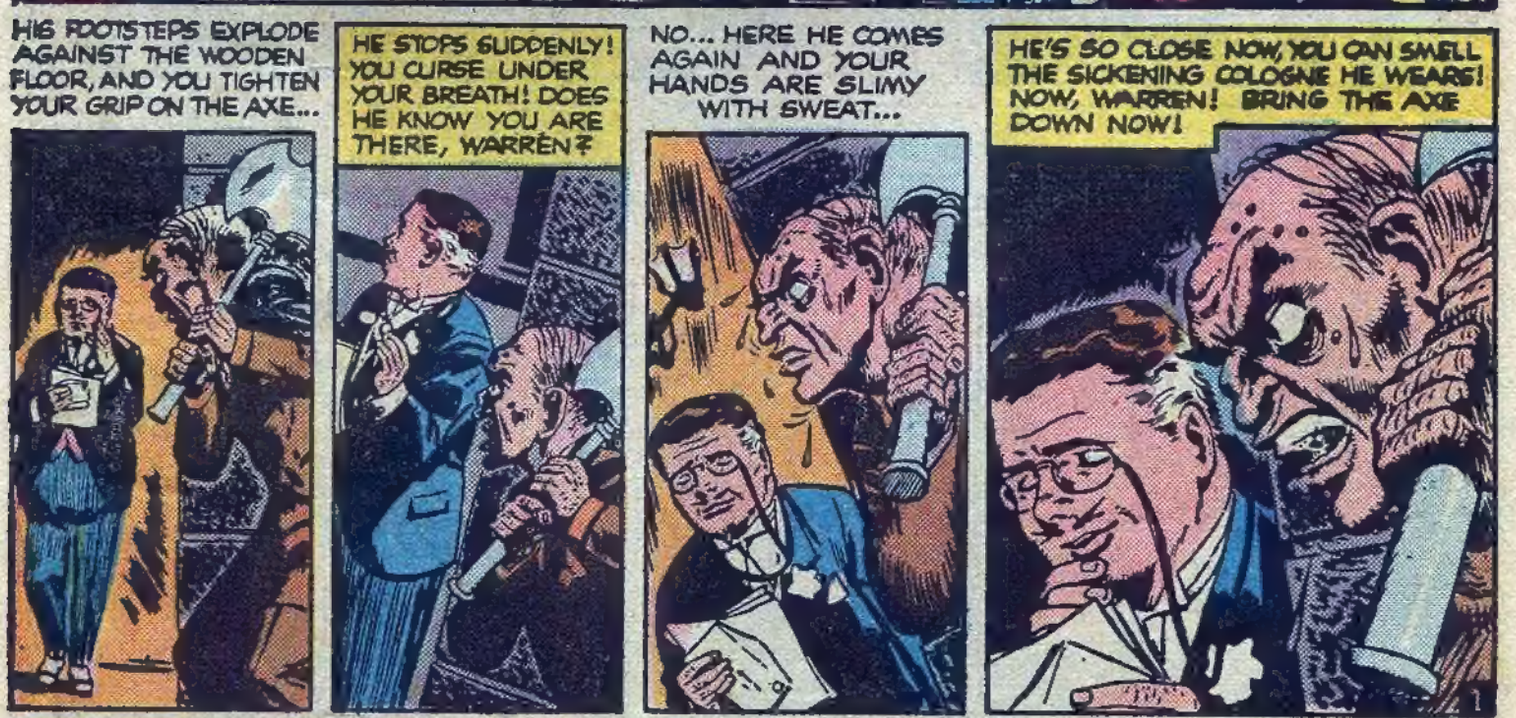
HIS FOOTSTEPS EXPLODE AGAINST THE WOODEN FLOOR, AND YOU TIGHTEN YOUR GRIP ON THE AXE...
HE STOPS SUDDENLY! YOU CURSE UNDER YOUR BREATH! DOES HE KNOW YOU ARE THERE, WARREN?
NO... HERE HE COMES AGAIN AND YOUR HANDS ARE SLIMY WITH SWEAT...
HE'S SO CLOSE NOW, YOU CAN SMELL THE SICKENING COLOGNE HE WEARS! NOW, WARREN! BRING THE AXE DOWN NOW!

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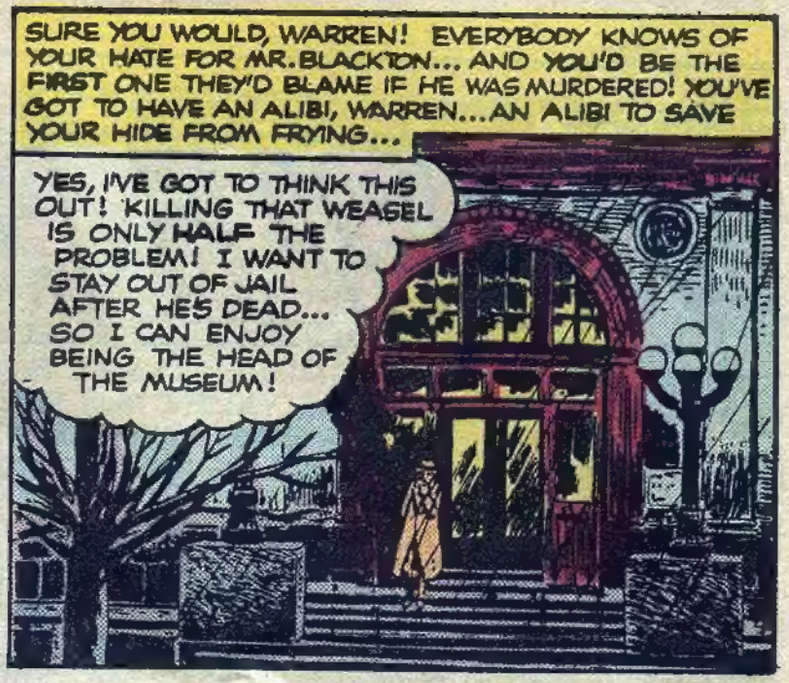
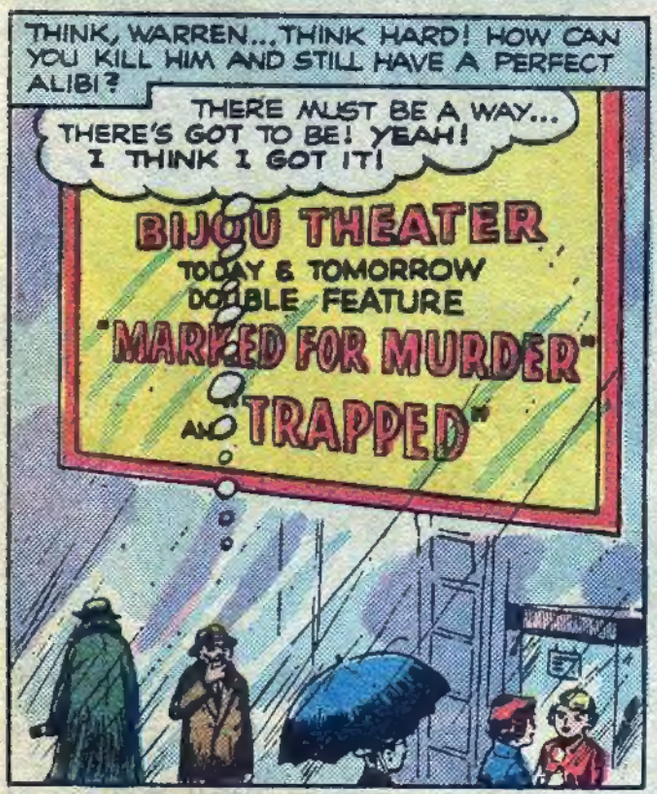
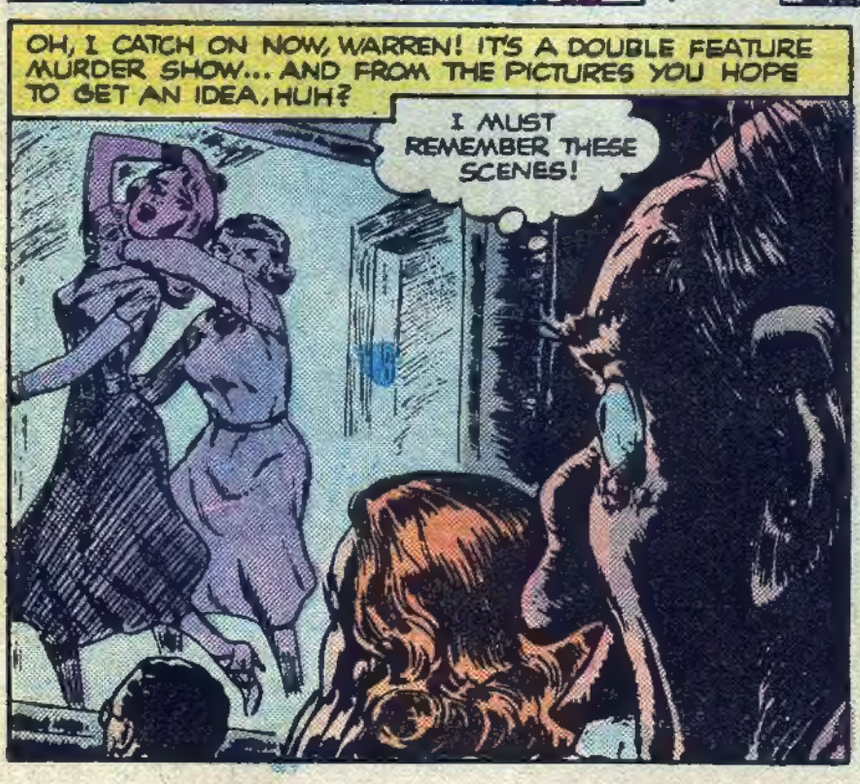
HE PASSES BY...AND YOU'RE STILL STANDING THERE WITH THE AXE LIFTED OVER YOUR HEAD! WHY, WARREN? WHAT'S THE MATTER...LOSE YOUR NERVE?
NO! I'D BE A FOOL TO DO IT THIS WAY!

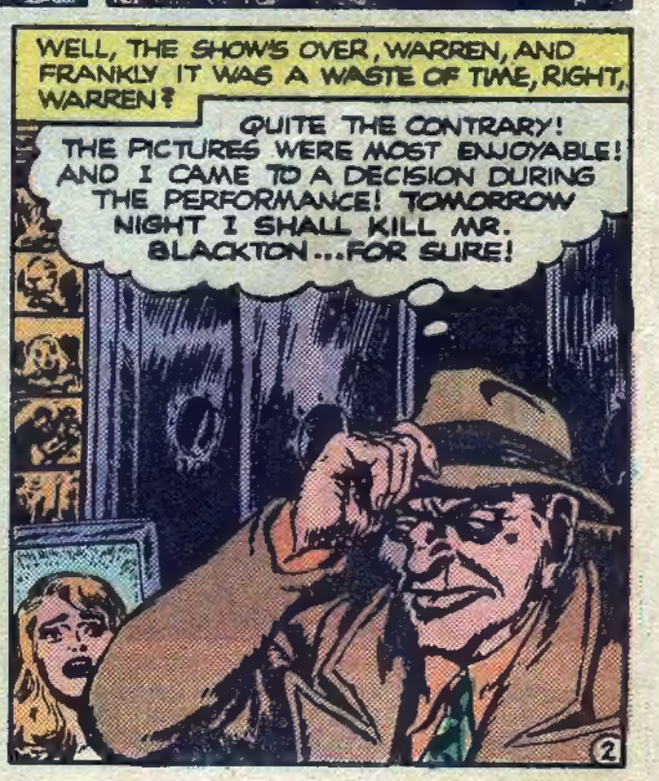

SURE YOU WOULD, WARREN! EVERYBODY KNOWS OF YOUR HATE FOR MR. BLACKTON... AND YOU'D BE THE FIRST ONE THEY'D BLAME IF HE WAS MURDERED! YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE AN ALIBI, WARREN...AN ALIBI TO SAVE YOUR HIDE FROM FRYING...
YES, I'VE GOT TO THINK THIS OUT! KILLING THAT WEASEL IS ONLY HALF THE PROBLEM! I WANT TO STAY OUT OF JAIL AFTER HE'S DEAD... SO I CAN ENJOY BEING THE HEAD OF THE MUSEUM!


THINK, WARREN...THINK HARD! HOW CAN YOU KILL HIM AND STILL HAVE A PERFECT ALIBI?
THERE MUST BE A WAY... THERE'S GOT TO BE! YEAH! I THINK I GOT IT!
BIJOU THEATER
TODAY & TOMORROW
DOUBLE FEATURE
"MARKED FOR MURDER"
AND "TRAPPED"

ONE, PLEASE!
NOW

WARREN KOSTER...HAVE YOU LOST YOUR SENSES...OR YOUR NERVE AGAIN? WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN A MOVIE HOUSE, WHEN YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THINKING OF A WAY TO KILL BLACKTON?
THIS IS ALL A PART OF THE PLAN! AND NOW TO RELAX AND ENJOY THE MOVIE!


OH, I CATCH ON NOW, WARREN! IT'S A DOUBLE FEATURE MURDER SHOW... AND FROM THE PICTURES YOU HOPE TO GET AN IDEA, HUH?
I MUST REMEMBER THESE SCENES!


WELL, THE SHOW'S OVER, WARREN, AND FRANKLY IT WAS A WASTE OF TIME, RIGHT, WARREN?
QUITE THE CONTRARY! THE PICTURES WERE MOST ENJOYABLE! AND I CAME TO A DECISION DURING THE PERFORMANCE! TOMORROW NIGHT I SHALL KILL MR. BLACKTON...FOR SURE!
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OKAY, WARREN, HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO DO WHAT YOU SAID LAST NIGHT YOU WERE GOING TO DO! THERE'S THE BOSS...PLENTY OF WEAPONS HANDY...AND YOU'VE GOT THAT LOOK IN YOUR EYES! SO WHAT'RE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?
I'M GOING TO KILL HIM!
GOOD NIGHT, MR. BLACKTON!
GOOD NIGHT, WARREN!
HEY, WARREN! I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU WERE GOING TO GIVE HIM THE WORKS TONIGHT!
I AM!.. BUT LATER! FIRST I HAVE SOME IMPORTANT BUSINESS TO ATTEND TO!
YOU CALL THIS IMPORTANT BUSINESS, WARREN? NOW I KNOW YOU'RE CRAZY! YOU WERE IN THIS THEATER LAST NIGHT...YOU SAW THESE PICTURES...REMEMBER? THEY WERE LOUSY...AND NOW YOU'RE GOING IN AGAIN...
BIJOU THEATER
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ONE, PLEASE!
NOW!
HEY, WHERE ARE YOU GOING NOW? THE ENTRANCE IS BACK THERE! AND WHAT'S THE IDEA OF TEARING THAT TICKET IN HALF?
I'LL KEEP THE STUB WITH THE DATE AND TIME OF PURCHASE STAMPED ON IT... IT'S MY ALIBI! I SAW THE PICTURES YESTERDAY SO I CAN ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS ABOUT THEM! AND NOW...IT'S TIME FOR MURDER!
CLEVER, WARREN...VERY CLEVER! AND YOU'VE GOT NERVE, TOO...WALKING UP TO BLACKTON'S DOOR LIKE THIS ...AND KNOCKING LIKE A VISITING FRIEND...
OH, WARREN... THIS IS A SURPRISE! COME IN, PLEASE!
THANK YOU, MR. BLACKTON!
WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE ON A NASTY NIGHT LIKE THIS?
BUSINESS, MR. BLACKTON... VERY IMPORTANT BUSINESS!
BUT IT'LL ONLY TAKE A FEW MINUTES!
ARG-G-G!
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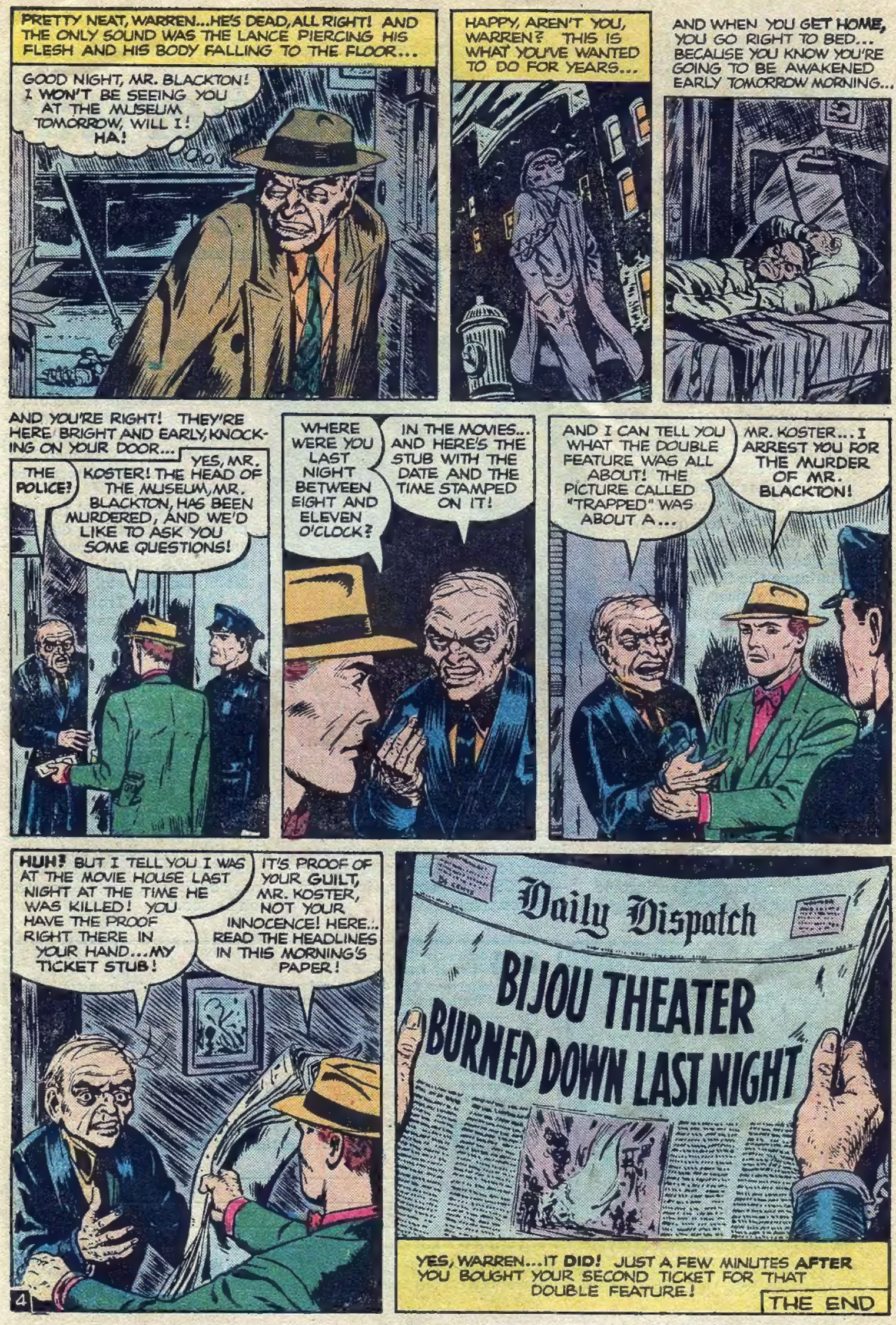
PRETTY NEAT, WARREN...HE'S DEAD, ALL RIGHT! AND THE ONLY SOUND WAS THE LANCE PIERCING HIS FLESH AND HIS BODY FALLING TO THE FLOOR...
GOOD NIGHT, MR. BLACKTON! I WON'T BE SEEING YOU AT THE MUSEUM TOMORROW, WILL I! HA!
HAPPY, AREN'T YOU, WARREN? THIS IS WHAT YOU'VE WANTED TO DO FOR YEARS...
AND WHEN YOU GET HOME, YOU GO RIGHT TO BED... BECAUSE YOU KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO BE AWAKENED EARLY TOMORROW MORNING...
AND YOU'RE RIGHT! THEY'RE HERE BRIGHT AND EARLY, KNOCKING ON YOUR DOOR...
THE POLICE?
YES, MR. KOSTER! THE HEAD OF THE MUSEUM, MR. BLACKTON, HAS BEEN MURDERED, AND WE'D LIKE TO ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS!
WHERE WERE YOU LAST NIGHT BETWEEN EIGHT AND ELEVEN O'CLOCK?
IN THE MOVIES... AND HERE'S THE STUB WITH THE DATE AND THE TIME STAMPED ON IT!
AND I CAN TELL YOU WHAT THE DOUBLE FEATURE WAS ALL ABOUT! THE PICTURE CALLED "TRAPPED" WAS ABOUT A...
MR. KOSTER... I ARREST YOU FOR THE MURDER OF MR. BLACKTON!
HUH! BUT I TELL YOU I WAS AT THE MOVIE HOUSE LAST NIGHT AT THE TIME HE WAS KILLED! YOU HAVE THE PROOF RIGHT THERE IN YOUR HAND...MY TICKET STUB!
IT'S PROOF OF YOUR GUILT, MR. KOSTER, NOT YOUR INNOCENCE! HERE... READ THE HEADLINES IN THIS MORNING'S PAPER!
Daily Dispatch
BIJOU THEATER BURNED DOWN LAST NIGHT
YES, WARREN...IT DID! JUST A FEW MINUTES AFTER YOU BOUGHT YOUR SECOND TICKET FOR THAT DOUBLE FEATURE!
THE END
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THE WARNING CAME TO THE SHIP AT SEA...SHE WAS DIRECTLY IN THE PATH OF THE WORST HURRICANE OF ALL TIME! THEN...ON THE HORIZON APPEARED...WHAT? IT LOOKED LIKE A HUGE BLACK CLOUD...BUT WAS IT? AND WHAT WAS TO BE THE FATE OF, NOT ONLY THE SHIP AND HER CREW AND PASSENGERS, BUT OF THE WHOLE WORLD ON THIS NIGHT OF...

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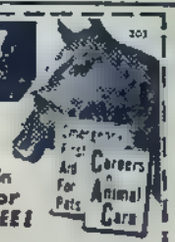

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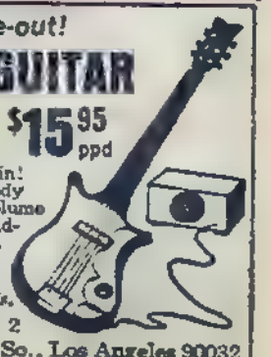

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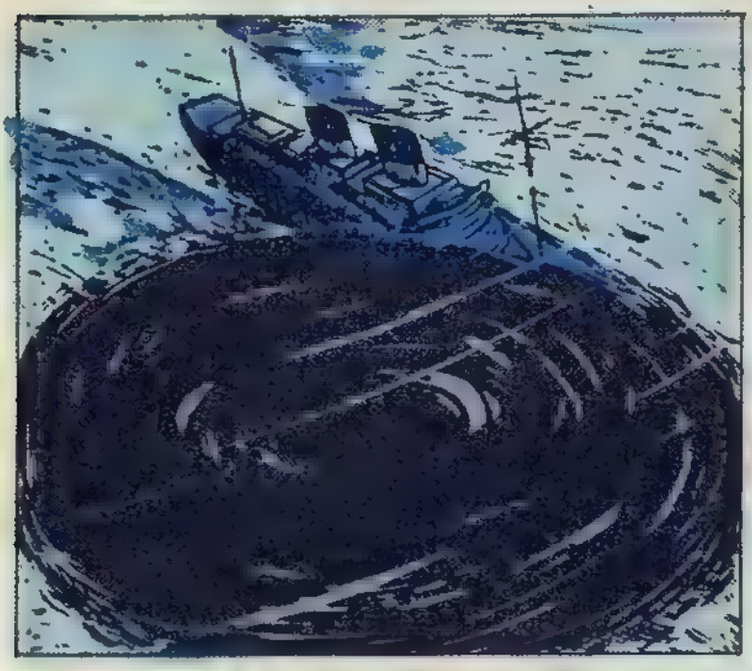
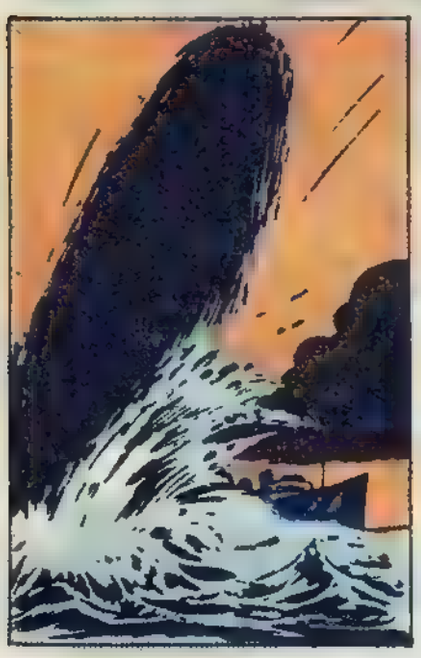
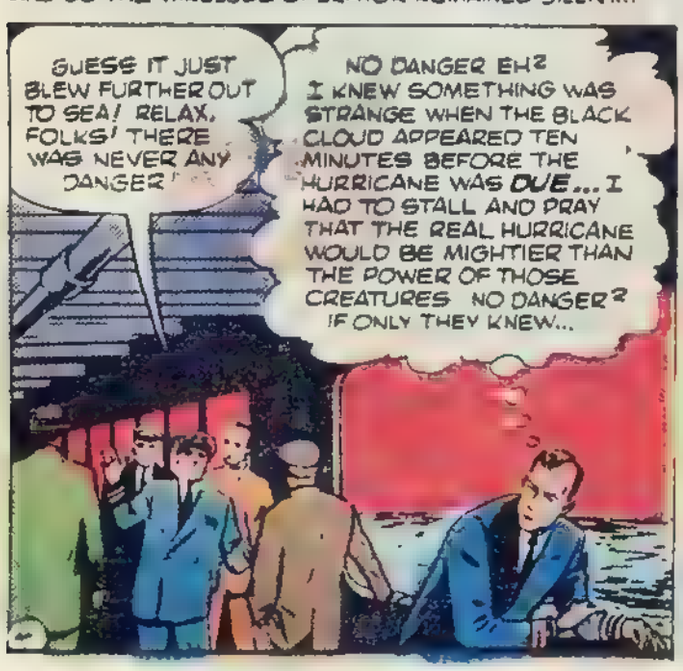


AND THEN THE CLOUD, CAUGHT IN THE VORTEX, PLUNGED INTO THE SEA WITH ALL ON BOARD!

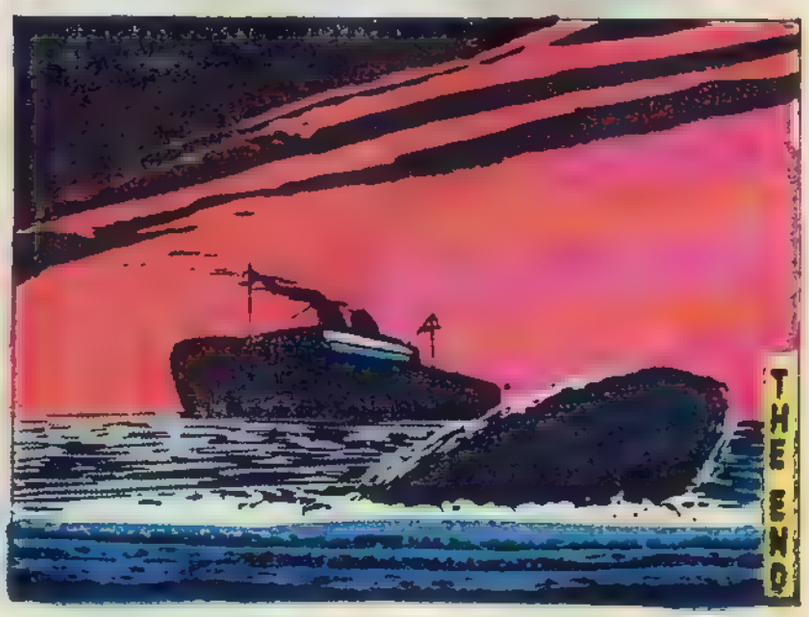


THAT VERY INSTANT, CAPTAIN, CREW AND PASSENGERS RESUMED MOVEMENT... AS IF NOTHING HAD EVER HAPPENED...

BUT THERE WAS NO ANSWER TO THE CAPTAIN'S QUESTION... AT LEAST, NONE THAT HE WOULD BELIEVE. AND SO THE WIRELESS OPERATOR REMAINED SILENT...


GUESS IT JUST BLEW FURTHER OUT TO SEA! RELAX, FOLKS! THERE WAS NEVER ANY DANGER!
NO DANGER EH? I KNEW SOMETHING WAS STRANGE WHEN THE BLACK CLOUD APPEARED TEN MINUTES BEFORE THE HURRICANE WAS DUE... I HAD TO STALL AND PRAY THAT THE REAL HURRICANE WOULD BE MIGHTIER THAN THE POWER OF THOSE CREATURES NO DANGER? IF ONLY THEY KNEW...

AND ONLY THE WIRELESS OPERATOR KNEW THE SECRET! ONLY HE KNEW THAT THE SPACESHIP CLOUD OF THE CONQUERORS HAD ACTUALLY PROTECTED THE SHIP FROM THE MIGHT OF THE HURRICANE... AND THAT THERE ARE FORCES ON EARTH STRONGER THAN THE MIGHTIEST CONQUERORS!



A CONVULSIVE SHUDDER PASSED THROUGH THE TRAVELER LIKE A VIOLENT WAVE! THAT HOUSE...CLOTHED IN DECAY, BLANKETED IN THE OPPRESSIVE AIR OF ALL THINGS LIFELESS...WHY DID IT SEEM...SO FAMILIAR!

the SECRET of the HAUNTED PICTURE

NELSON ARNE SLUNK ALONG THE FRINGES OF THE GALLERY CROWD THAT VIEWED HIS ONE-MAN SHOW...AND ITS DERISIVE LAUGHTER RANG WITH MOCKERY IN HIS FLAMING EARS...

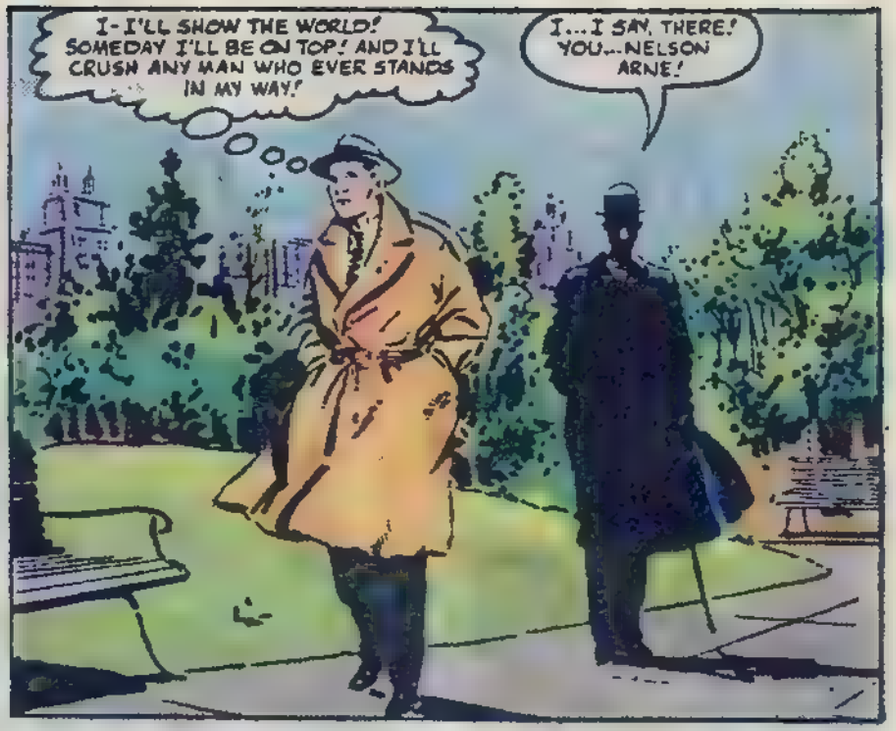
IF AN ARTIST'S PAINTINGS SUPPOSEDLY DEPICTS HIS SOUL..I FEAR YOUNG ARNE HAS A HOLE IN *HIS* SOUL... SOLE...GET IT?" *HA! HA! HA! HA!*

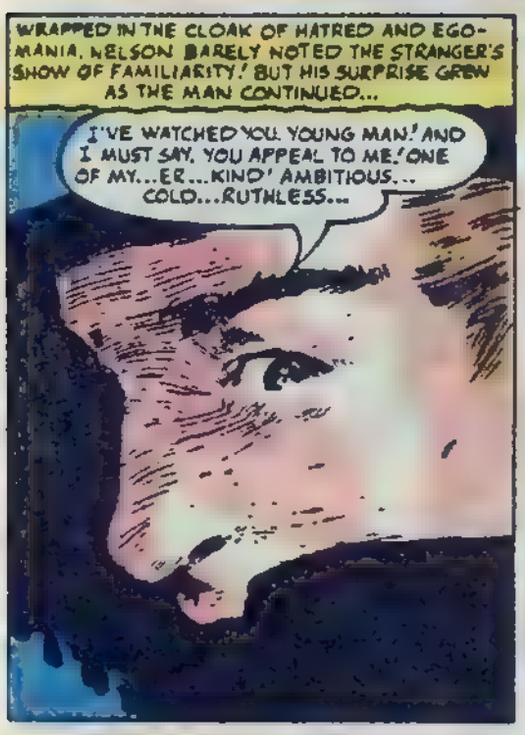
...FORCED HIM TO FLEE IN ABJECT HUMILIATION!

P-PLEASE, SIR...I... I'M TERRIBLY HUNGRY'

ORIGINALLY PRESENTED IN MYSTICAL TALES #7, 1957

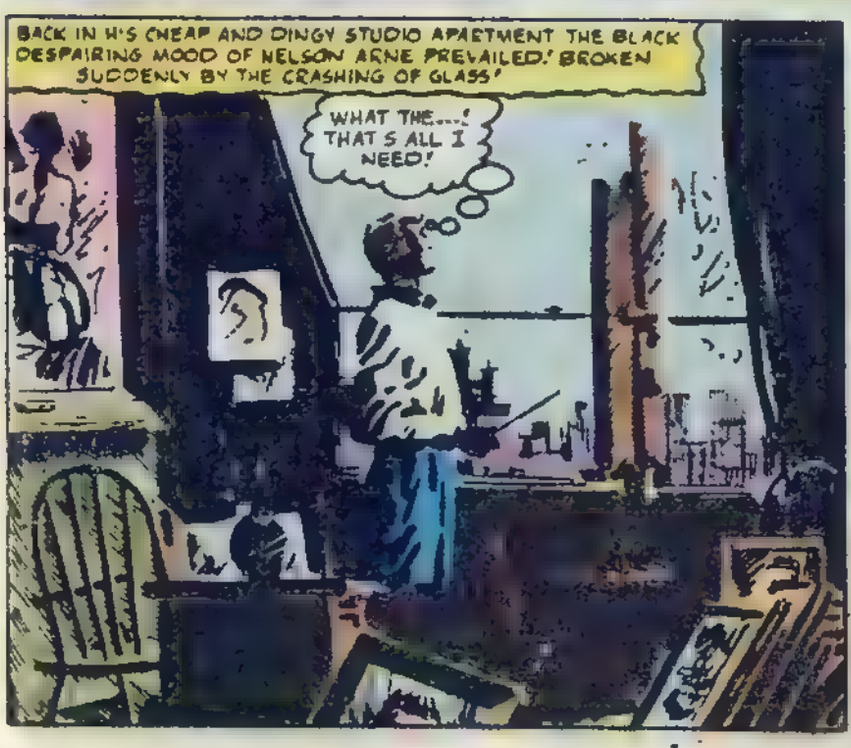
HUNGER! NELSON ARNE KNEW HUNGER IN ITS MOST DEMONIACAL FORM! THE BURNING, CRAVING HUNGER FOR FAME, FORTUNE LUXURY! PAINTING HAD SEEMED A PROMISING SHORT-CUT...
OUT OF MY WAY!

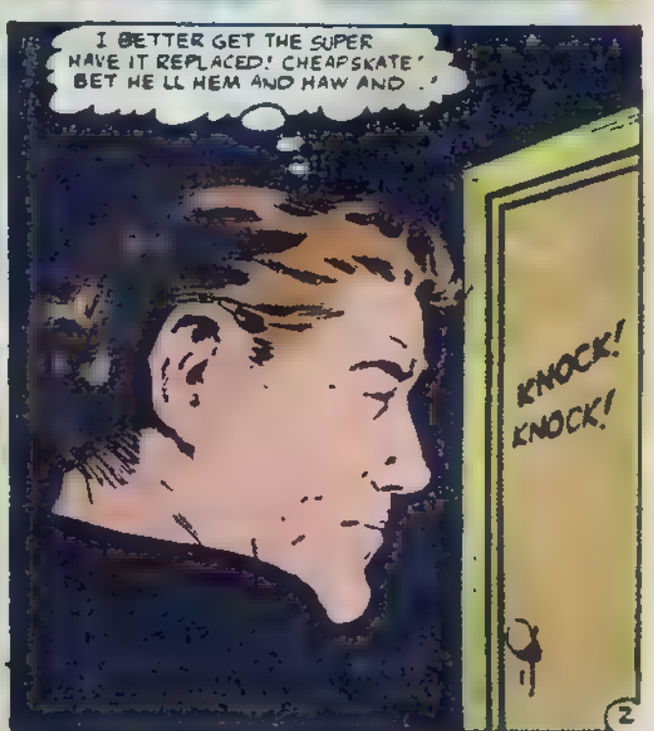

I-I'LL SHOW THE WORLD! SOMEDAY I'LL BE ON TOP! AND I'LL CRUSH ANY MAN WHO EVER STANDS IN MY WAY!
I...I SAY, THERE! YOU...NELSON ARNE!

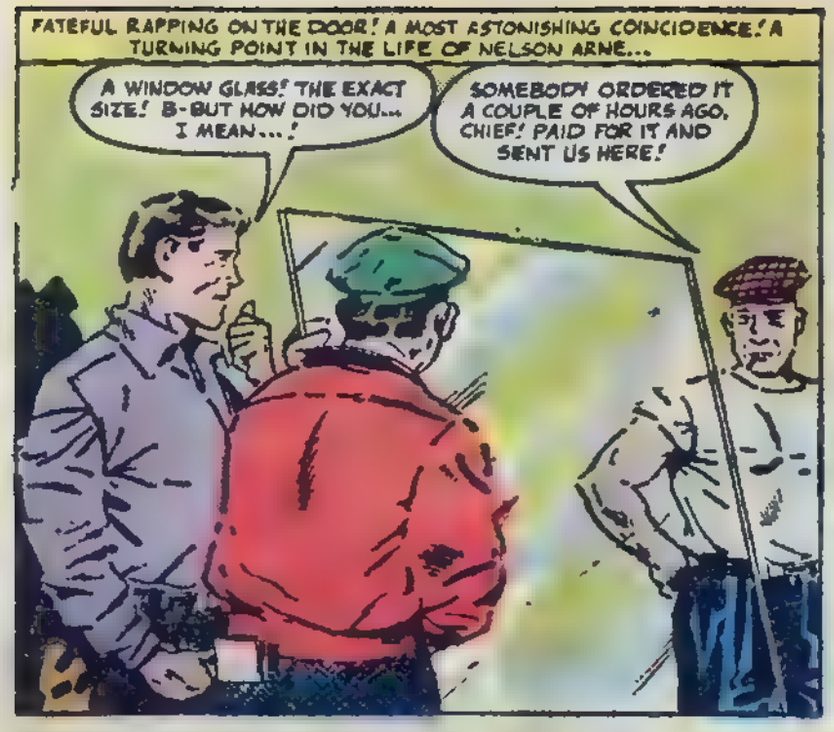

WRAPPED IN THE CLOAK OF HATRED AND EGO-MANIA, NELSON BARELY NOTED THE STRANGER'S SHOW OF FAMILIARITY! BUT HIS SURPRISE GREW AS THE MAN CONTINUED...
I'VE WATCHED YOU, YOUNG MAN! AND I MUST SAY, YOU APPEAL TO ME! ONE OF MY...ER...KIND! AMBITIOUS... COLD...RUTHLESS...

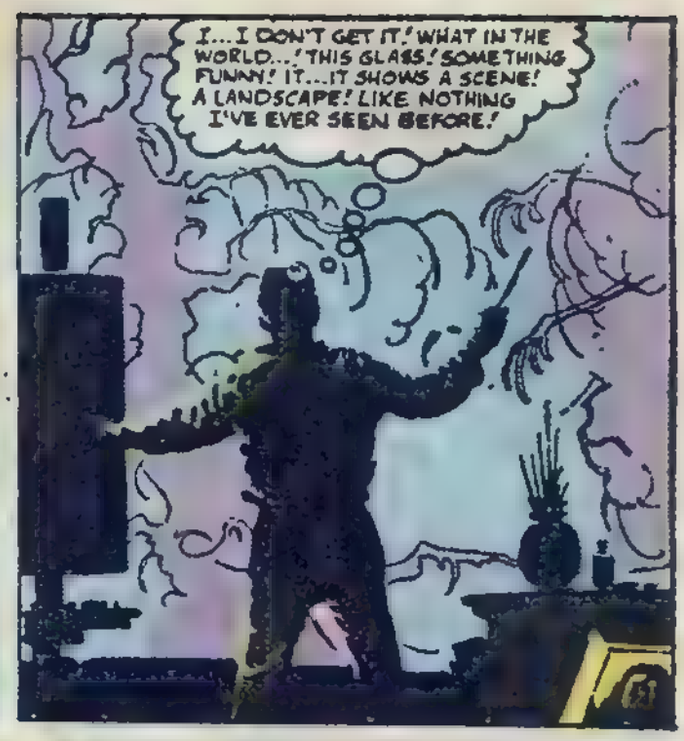
GUESS YOU KNOW ME, ALL RIGHT! I WANT A LOT OUT OF LIFE...THE WORKS! I...I'D GIVE MY SOUL FOR IT!
WELL...UH... PERHAPS THAT COULD BE ARRANGED! IF I COULD PROMISE YOU A YEAR OF MOST EXTRAORDINARY SUCCESS... WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO..

...BIND YOURSELF OVER TO ME AT THE END OF THAT YEAR...FOREVER?
I'M AFRAID YOU'RE WASTING MY TIME!


BACK IN HIS CHEAP AND DINGY STUDIO APARTMENT THE BLACK DESPAIRING MOOD OF NELSON ARNE PREVAILED! BROKEN SUDDENLY BY THE CRASHING OF GLASS!
WHAT THE...! THAT'S ALL I NEED!


I BETTER GET THE SUPER HAVE IT REPLACED! CHEAPSKATE! BET HE'LL HEM AND HAW AND..!
KNOCK! KNOCK!


FATEFUL RAPPING ON THE DOOR! A MOST ASTONISHING COINCIDENCE! A TURNING POINT IN THE LIFE OF NELSON ARNE...
A WINDOW GLASS! THE EXACT SIZE! B-BUT HOW DID YOU... I MEAN...!
SOMEBODY ORDERED IT A COUPLE OF HOURS AGO, CHIEF! PAID FOR IT AND SENT US HERE!


I...I DON'T GET IT! WHAT IN THE WORLD...! THIS GLASS! SOMETHING FUNNY! IT...IT SHOWS A SCENE! A LANDSCAPE! LIKE NOTHING I'VE EVER SEEN BEFORE!

SEIZED WITH A SUDDEN COMPULSION AND INSPIRATION, NELSON ARNE WENT TO HIS EASEL ...BEGAN FURIOUSLY COPYING...
AMAZING! I...I'M ABLE TO REPRODUCE IT LIKE A MASTER! WHAT A FASCINATING LANDSCAPE... IN A WEIRD, REVOLTING WAY! I'LL CALL IT..."WASTELAND AT MIDNIGHT"!

TREMBLING WITH EXCITEMENT, HE BROUGHT THE FINISHED CANVAS TO THE BIGGEST DEALER IN THE CITY!
IT...IT'S HORRIBLE! BUT A MASTERPIECE! I'LL BUY ANYTHING YOU EVER PAINT, MR. ARNE! TREMENDOUS!

THE WHEEL OF FORTUNE CLICKED MERRILY FOR NELSON ARNE FROM THEN ON! THE ENCHANTED WINDOW PRODUCING NEW LANDSCAPES AS QUICKY AS HE COULD FINISH ONE...
MY THIRD PAINTING THIS WEEK! AND THE CRITICS EATING DIRT! MASTER OF THE SKULL AND CROSSBONES SCHOOL, THEY CALL ME! HA!

STRANGE...NIGHTMARISH LANDSCAPES THAT CHILLED BUT FASCINATED THE POPULACE! AND THE MONTHS BROUGHT NELSON ARNE...
FORTUNE...
CRITICAL AND POPULAR ACCLAIM...
AND THE LOVE OF A SOCIETY BEAUTY!
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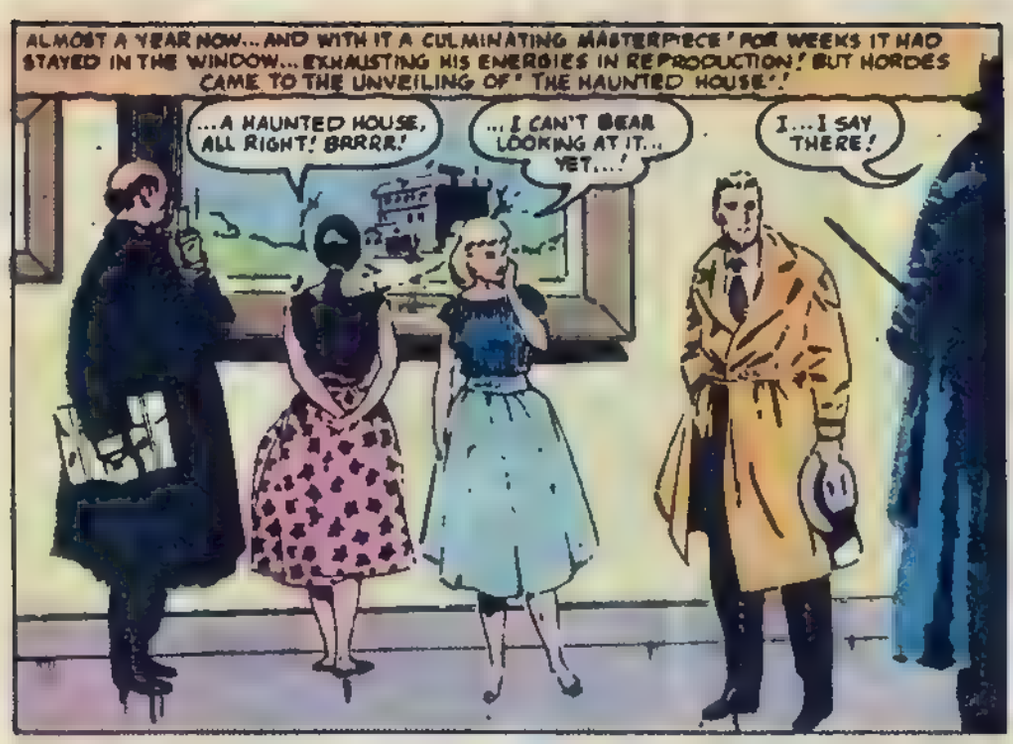
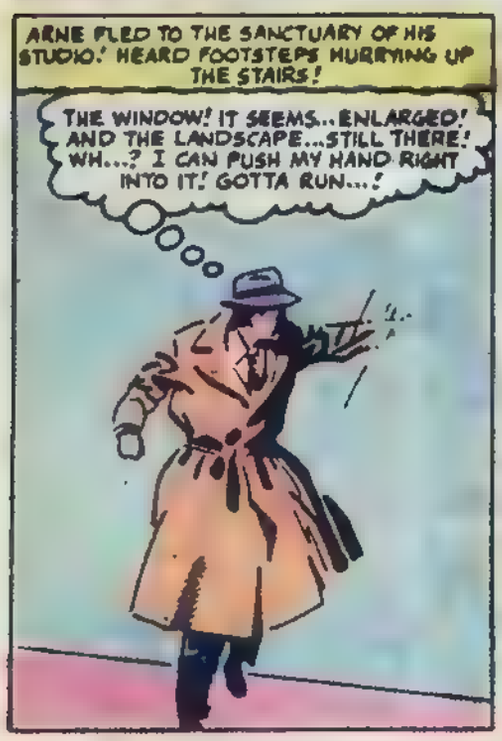
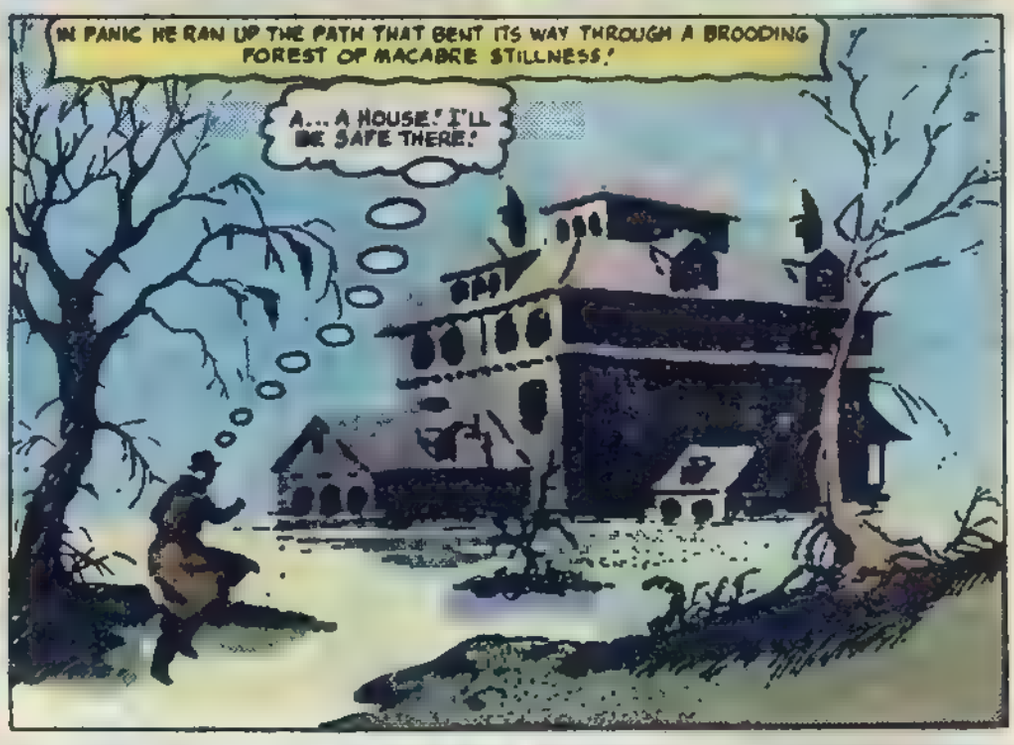

ALMOST A YEAR NOW... AND WITH IT A CULMINATING MASTERPIECE! FOR WEEKS IT HAD STAYED IN THE WINDOW... EXHAUSTING HIS ENERGIES IN REPRODUCTION! BUT HORDES CAME TO THE UNVEILING OF "THE HAUNTED HOUSE"!
...A HAUNTED HOUSE, ALL RIGHT! BRRRR!
...I CAN'T BEAR LOOKING AT IT... YET...!
I...I SAY THERE!

ARNE'S SMILE CURVED INTO A LOOK OF ALARM, AS HE SAW...!
THAT MAN! IN THE PARK! I.. I REMEMBER! GOTTA RUN...HIDE!
A BARGAIN IS A BARGAIN, MR. ARNE!


ARNE FLED TO THE SANCTUARY OF HIS STUDIO! HEARD FOOTSTEPS HURRYING UP THE STAIRS!
THE WINDOW! IT SEEMS...ENLARGED! AND THE LANDSCAPE...STILL THERE! WH...? I CAN PUSH MY HAND RIGHT INTO IT! GOTTA RUN...!

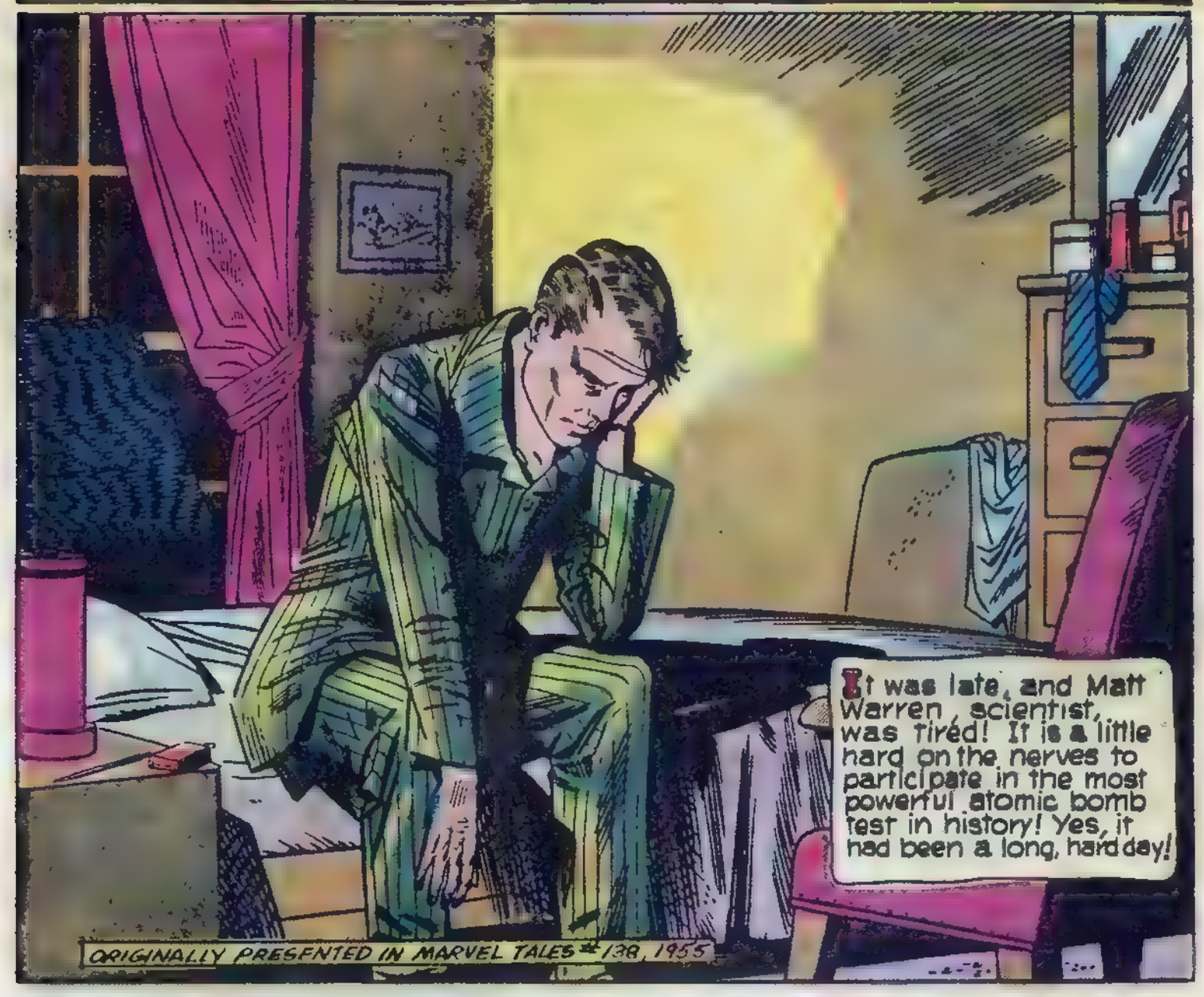

IN PANIC HE RAN UP THE PATH THAT BENT ITS WAY THROUGH A BROODING FOREST OF MACABRE STILLNESS!
A... A HOUSE! I'LL BE SAFE THERE!

FOOD ON THE TABLE! ALL THE C-COMFORTS OF HOME! BUT I'M ALONE! ALONE! C-CAN'T BUDGE THE DOOR!

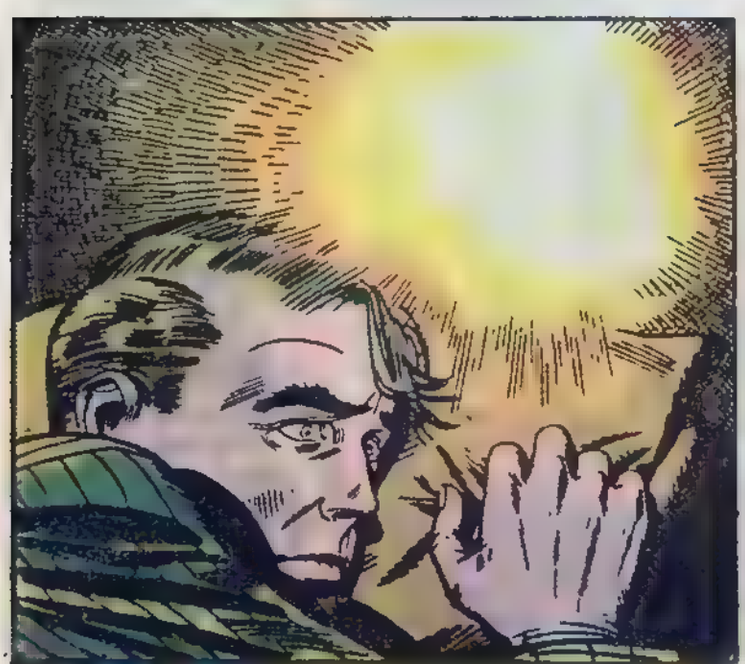
L-LOCKED IN! ALL THOSE FACES LOOKING UP AT ME!

I...I KNOW WHERE I AM! NOW I KNOW! B-BUT FOR HOW LONG! HOW LONG?!!
THE END

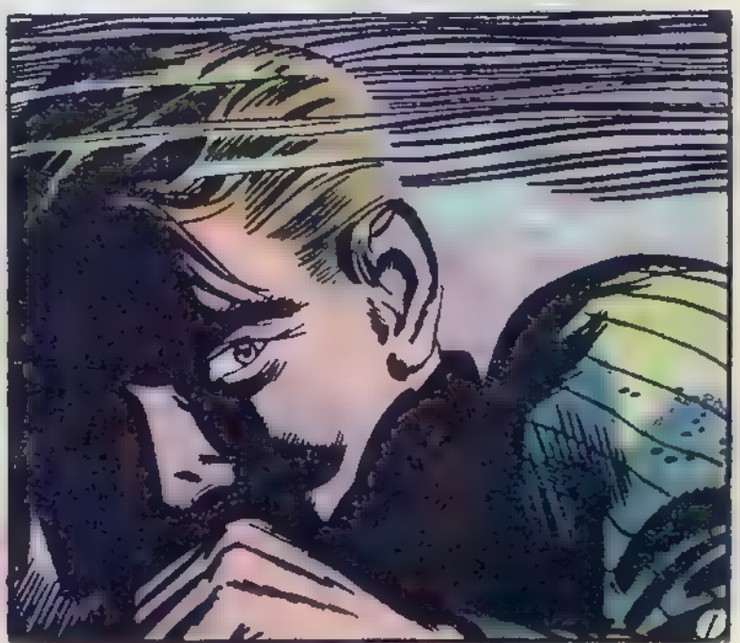
WHEN WARREN WOKE UP!


It was late, and Matt Warren, scientist, was tired! It is a little hard on the nerves to participate in the most powerful atomic bomb test in history! Yes, it had been a long, hard day!
ORIGINALLY PRESENTED IN MARVEL TALES #138, 1955

WARREN FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO CLEANSE HIS MIND OF THAT TERRIBLE LIGHT...



... AND THE RUSHING ... THE ROLLING OF THAT MONSTROUS WAVE ... DROWNING HIM IN A SEA OF SOUND AND FURY!



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CHRISTMAS CHRONICLES AND YULETIDE YUCKS —AND A PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE!

STAN LEE'S SOAPBOX

Well, gang, it's that time of year again — when our thoughts turn to Joyeuse Noel and Auld Acquaintances! So what better time for your friendly neighborhood soapboxer to extend his salubrious Season's Greetings to one and all — and thereby save the price of some cards!

Merry Xmas to our WRITERS!
May their tales be ever great!
Merry Xmas to our EDITORS!
May their deadlines ne'er be late!
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May their penpoints never rust!
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May their hues be ever bright!
Merry Xmas to our LETTERERS!
May their spelling turn out right!
Merry Xmas to our PRINTERS!
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May the unions grant them peace!
Merry Xmas to our DISTRIBUTOR!
May his sales be ever growing!
And to YOU the merriest wish of all —
You're the one who keeps us going!

Excelsior!

Stan

ITEM! Hey—remember how Marvel added all those 20¢ and 75¢ titles in '72 and '73? And how this sometimes forced us to use a big chunk of our Bulletin Page for special announcements of all our new plans and projects? And how a few of you used to take us to task for neglecting all the *personal chit-chat* and *inside gossip* that made you feel you really *knew* the guys and gals who turn out all those Marvel masterworks each month? Well, we'll let you in on a secret: We missed all that personal stuff as much as *you* did! So, starting now—and without abandoning our search for ever-newer horizons to conquer in the name of Marveldom Assembled—we're returning this page to all its former, much-lauded glory, *and* adding a new *Bullpen Bonus Page*, to boot! (You'll find it elsewhere in this same ish.) That's right, believer—now, you'll get two full pages of news and views each month (*three*, if you count our liltin' letters pages)! And, for those of you who are counting: Nope, we *haven't* dropped any pages of art and story, just a *paid ad* which took up that space last month—and this in spite of ever-rising printing costs and that depressing paper shortage you've been reading about (often, we might add, in *newspapers* with fewer pages). So *now* who says mighty Marvel isn't the Company with a Heart?

ITEM! A thousand thanks to those of you who've said you dig our cockamamey Secret Code messages. And here's another clue for you all—concerning a fantastic *new feature* we'll be unveiling early in '74! Yep, it's in *Spider-Man Code*, which can only be deciphered by card-carrying members of FOOM (see ad on our Bullpen Bonus Page) *or* by those with cryptographic skills worthy of the CIA. Anyway, here goes:

Sorry—all we can show you of our future super-star right now is the above tantalizing *head-shot*. But, if that doesn't whet your appetite for the *full-color pin-up* we'll be layin' on you come the New Year—then you just got *no soul*, sahib!

ITEM! Now that the Yuletide Season is upon us, maybe it's time we finally broke down and told you how some of our free-wheeling, high-stepping Bullpenners spent their *summer vacations* —namely, by going to *Comic Art Conventions* in just about every major city on the map! First, there was the granddaddy of 'em all, the New York con, where just about everybody who was anybody in the nutty comics biz was in attendance. Next, Rascally ROY THOMAS slipped his editorial reins for a few days and zipped down to New Orleans' famed French Quarter, where he dropped in on a combined science-fiction and comic-book confab. No sooner did Roy return to his work-bestrewn desk, than Marvelous MARV WOLFMAN dumped the latest issue of CRAZY Magazine in his lap to proofread and scooted off (with his buddy Live-It-Up LEN WEIN) to Toronto, Canada, for a comics-con *there*. And, somewhere along the line, TONY (The Tiger) ISABELLA was a special guest at a con back in his old stomping-grounds in Cleveland; while Mischievous MIKE FRIEDRICH (along with Nefarious NEAL ADAMS) fell by San Diego's annual comics clambake. Last time we looked, just for good measure, Bashful BARRY SMITH had just been named Guest of Honor at the Detroit Triple Fan Fair, and was packing his bag for a trip to Motown. Talk about your Busman's Holidays! Oh well—at least now the guys won't be insulted any more if they hear somebody refer to them as Con Men!

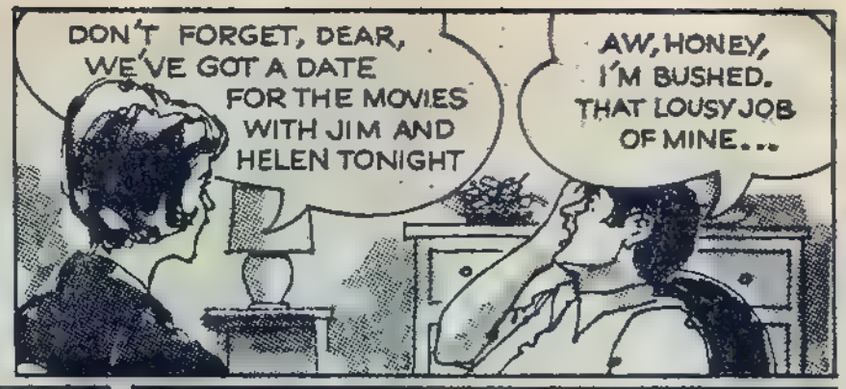
ITEM! Speaking of movin' and groovin', it seems that everybody is—*moving*, that is! With all the birds winging it *south* for the winter, a number of Marvel Bullpenners are heading west and will be sending in their sketches and scripts *long-distance* from now on. Even as we speak, Stainless STEVE ENGLEHART is trekking, typewriter in hand, to take up residence in San Francisco, as the aforementioned Mike Friedrich did a year or so back. And, when Steve arrives, his swingin' new 'cycle will be there waiting for him, courtesy of Judo JIM STARLIN, who polished off the latest CAPTAIN MARVEL and MASTER OF KUNG FU issues, then did the Westward Ho bit on Steve's new wheels. (With Steve's permission, of course. He'll do *anything* to keep a good artist happy!) What's more, last we heard, Far-Out FRANK BRUNNER and Groovy GARY FRIEDRICH (who's been dwelling in his own native Missouri of late) were all set to join the S.F. contingent as well. And the ultimate *winner* in this game of Musical Moving-Vans is just likely to be *you*, Marvel-booster—'cause these forays will doubtless result in renewed enthusiasm and energy being channeled into our opulent opuses. And friend, there's *nobody* in the comic-book game who throws himself, heart and soul, into his work any more than a Marvel madman—whether you're talking about Bullpen East or Bullpen West! No *hype* there, effendi—just plain hard *fact!*

ITEM! By the way, to round out our *San Francisco Special*, we can't resist mentioning that—in answer to a multitude of requests from those of you who'd come to miss *Foggy Nelson* and the rest of the former DAREDEVIL supporting stars—we've shipped The Man Without Fear back to Fun City for a few issues. Meet a crop of old friends—and maybe make a few new super-enemies—by picking up DD #108. (Hmmm . . . do you suppose that ol' Fearless' return to the Big Apple has anything to do with the fact that writer STEVE GERBER and artist BOB BROWN still reside in the New York area? Oh well. . . .)

ITEM! Some of you demanded it! A couple of you deplored it in advance! But we did it anyway! Jack Russell, WEREWOLF BY NIGHT, enters THE TOMB OF DRACULA—and the King of Vampires returns the favor in Wolfy's own mag—in this month's issues. But, you probably know that by now anyway, since those two mags (along with a sinister sleeper called THE MAN-THING) have become some of Marvel's biggest new hits!

See you next ish, people!

"I'm sick and tired of my Job!"



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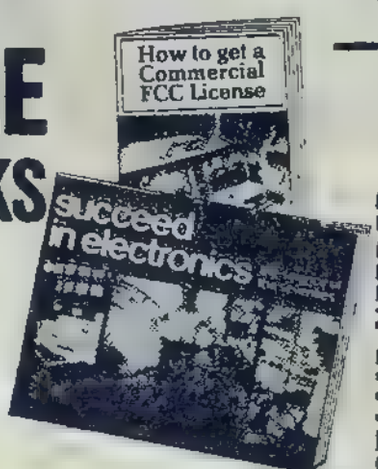

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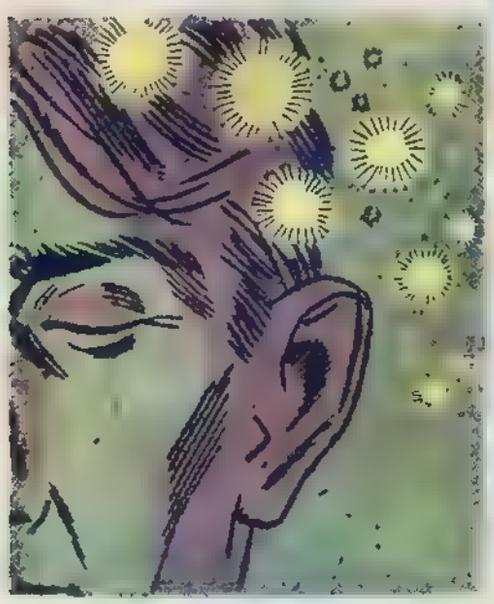
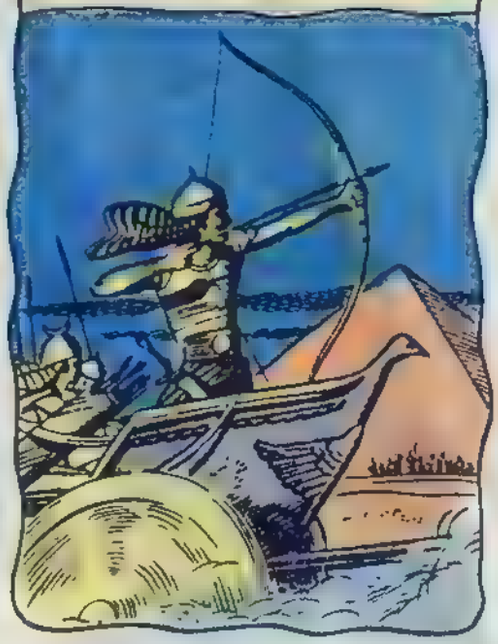
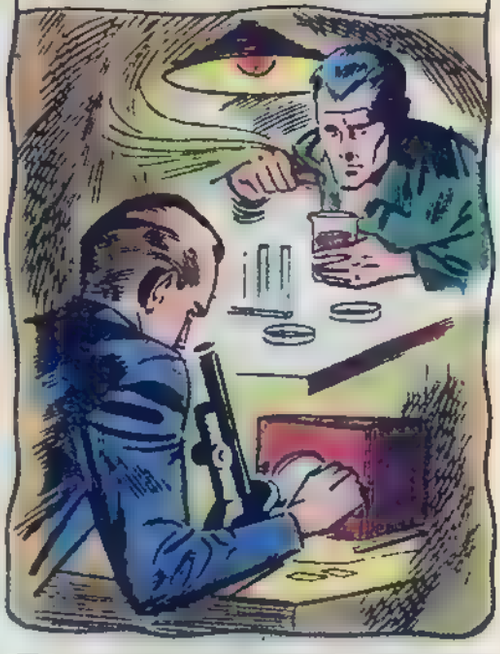
BUT SLEEP CAME, AS IT MUST IN TIME! AND THEN A STRANGE *DREAM* BEGAN ITS MAGIC TRACING!



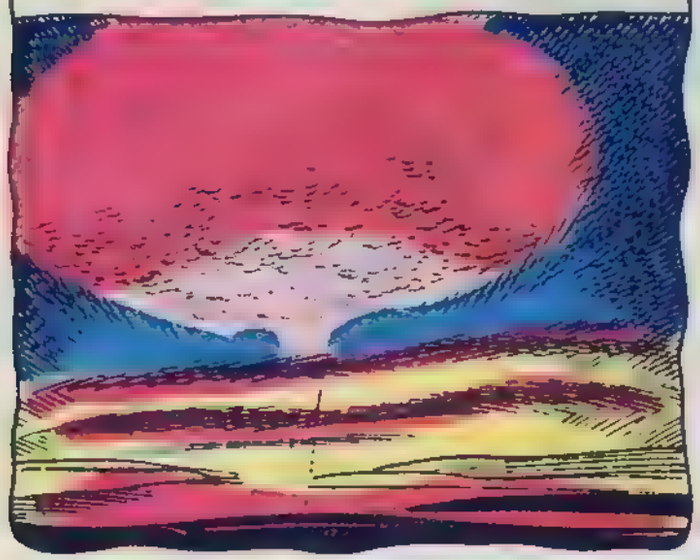
MAN IN HIS "GREAT WISDOM" HAD RULED THE EARTH FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS ...



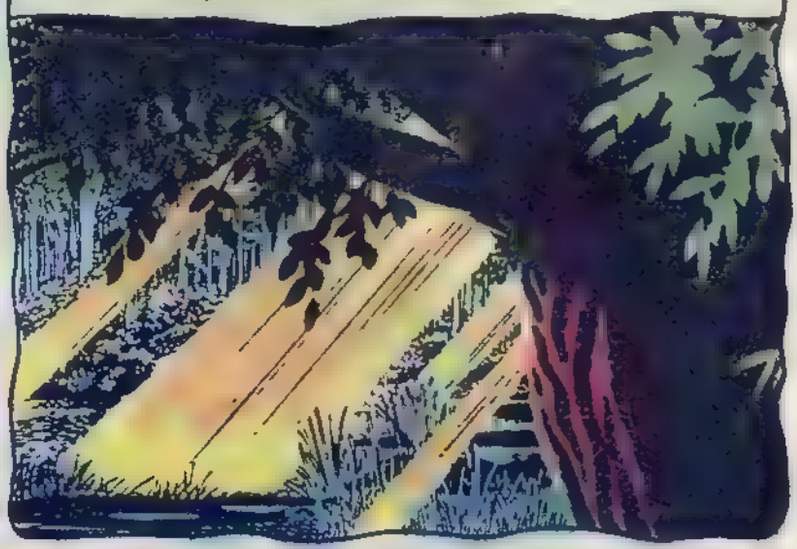
... DEVELOPED NEW CIVILIZATIONS AND MADE GREAT ADVANCES IN SCIENCE ...



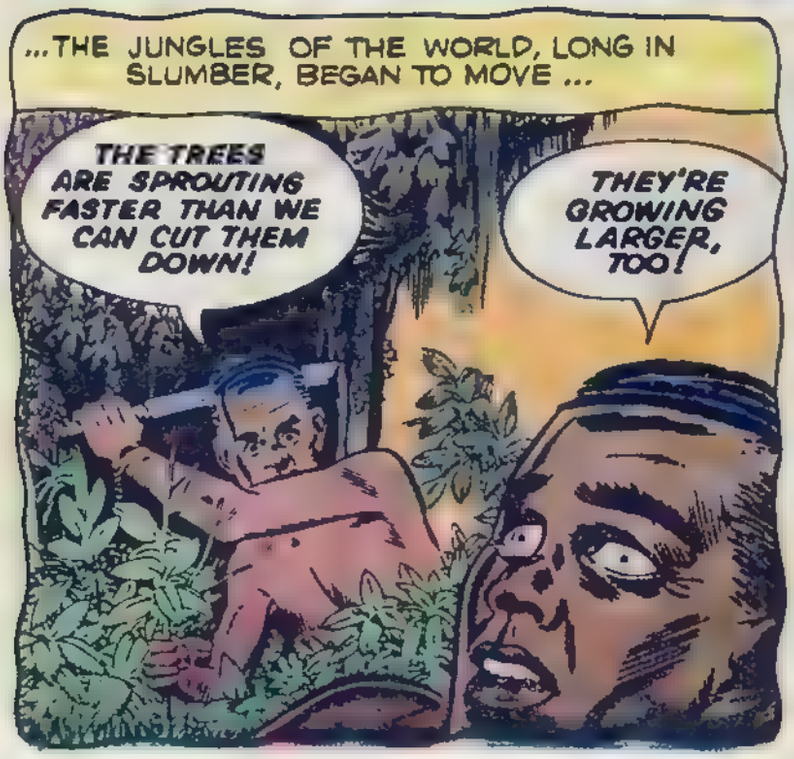
... AND KEEPING PACE WITH MAN'S SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERIES FOR THE BETTERMENT OF HIS LIVING CONDITIONS, WAS MAN'S DEVELOPMENT OF GREATER AND MORE DESTRUCTIVE ARMAMENTS...



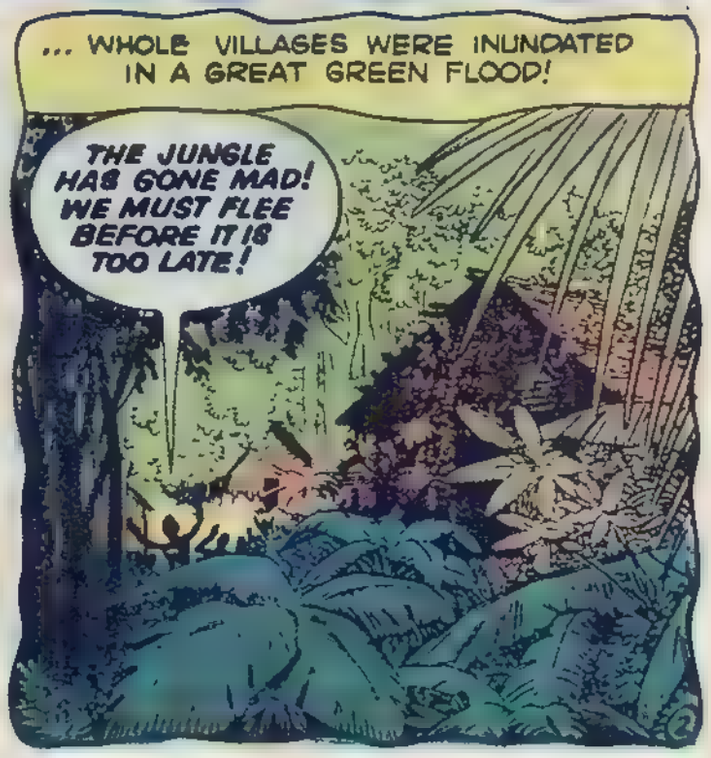
...THEN THE "ALARM" WAS SOUNDED! THE EARTH BEGAN A KIND OF SELF-DEFENSE! THE PLANTS, LONG THE SERVANTS OF HUMANITY, STARTED A WILD PERIOD OF GROWTH TO ENGULF MAN AND RENDER HIM HELPLESS, BEFORE IT WAS TOO LATE...

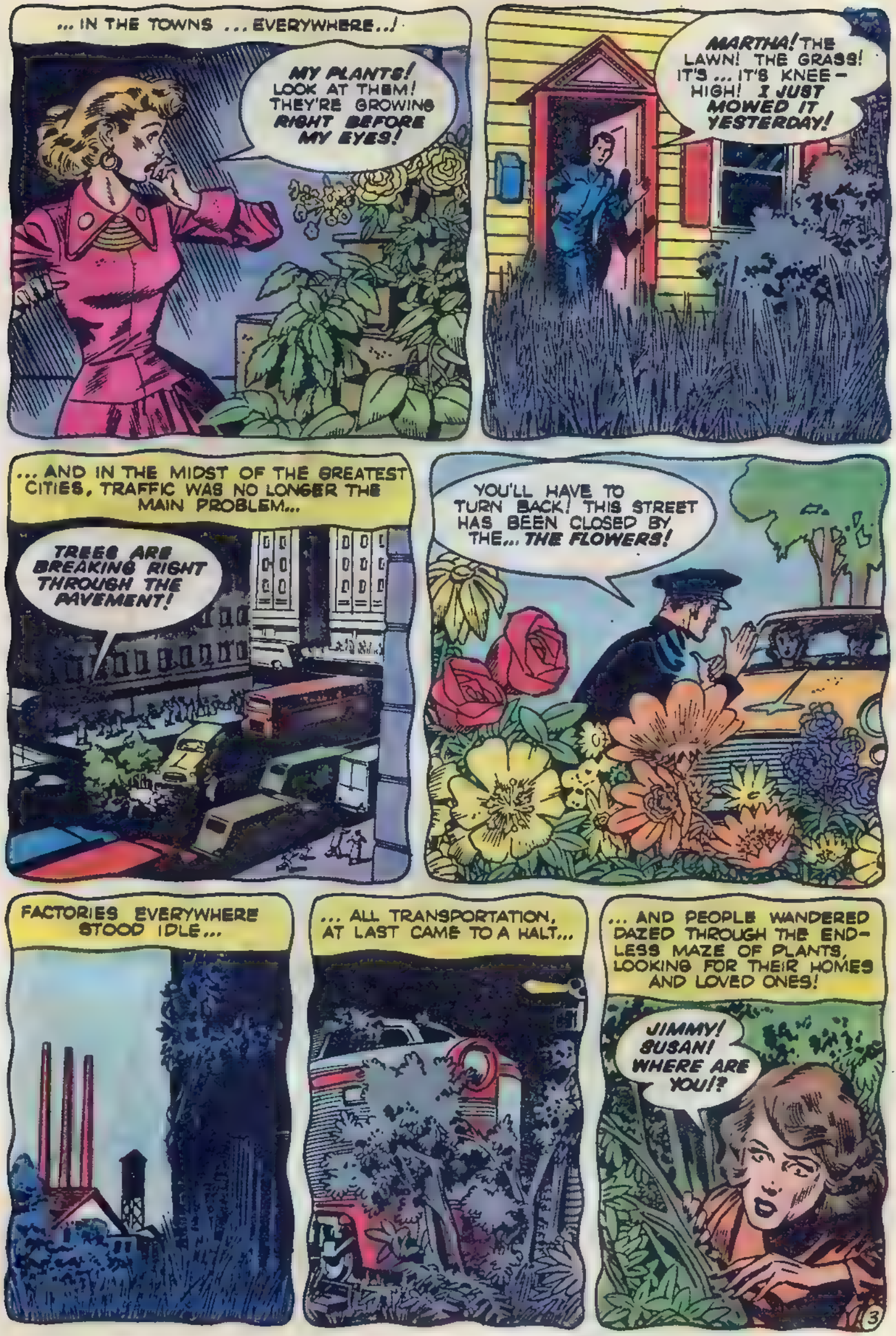


...THE JUNGLES OF THE WORLD, LONG IN SLUMBER, BEGAN TO MOVE ...



... WHOLE VILLAGES WERE INUNDATED IN A GREAT GREEN FLOOD!




... IN THE TOWNS ... EVERYWHERE../
MY PLANTS! LOOK AT THEM! THEY'RE GROWING RIGHT BEFORE MY EYES!
MARTHA! THE LAWN! THE GRASS! IT'S ... IT'S KNEE-HIGH! I JUST MOWED IT YESTERDAY!
... AND IN THE MIDST OF THE GREATEST CITIES, TRAFFIC WAS NO LONGER THE MAIN PROBLEM...
TREES ARE BREAKING RIGHT THROUGH THE PAVEMENT!
YOU'LL HAVE TO TURN BACK! THIS STREET HAS BEEN CLOSED BY THE... THE FLOWERS!
FACTORIES EVERYWHERE STOOD IDLE...
... ALL TRANSPORTATION, AT LAST CAME TO A HALT...
... AND PEOPLE WANDERED DAZED THROUGH THE END-LESS MAZE OF PLANTS, LOOKING FOR THEIR HOMES AND LOVED ONES!
JIMMY! SUSAN! WHERE ARE YOU!?
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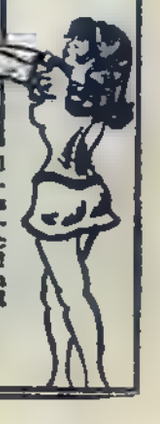

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THEN THE IMAGES FADED WITH THOSE LAST WORDS ECHOING THROUGH WARREN'S WAKING BRAIN! HE GROPED FOR THE LIGHT SWITCH...
WHAT A NIGHT! MY NERVES MUST BE SHOT!
CLICK
AM I GLAD THAT WAS ONLY A DREAM!
SUDDENLY, WARREN HEARD A SOUND AT THE FRONT DOOR... LIKE A GENTLE KNOCKING..!
NOW WHO COULD THAT BE AT THIS HOUR!?
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THE END!
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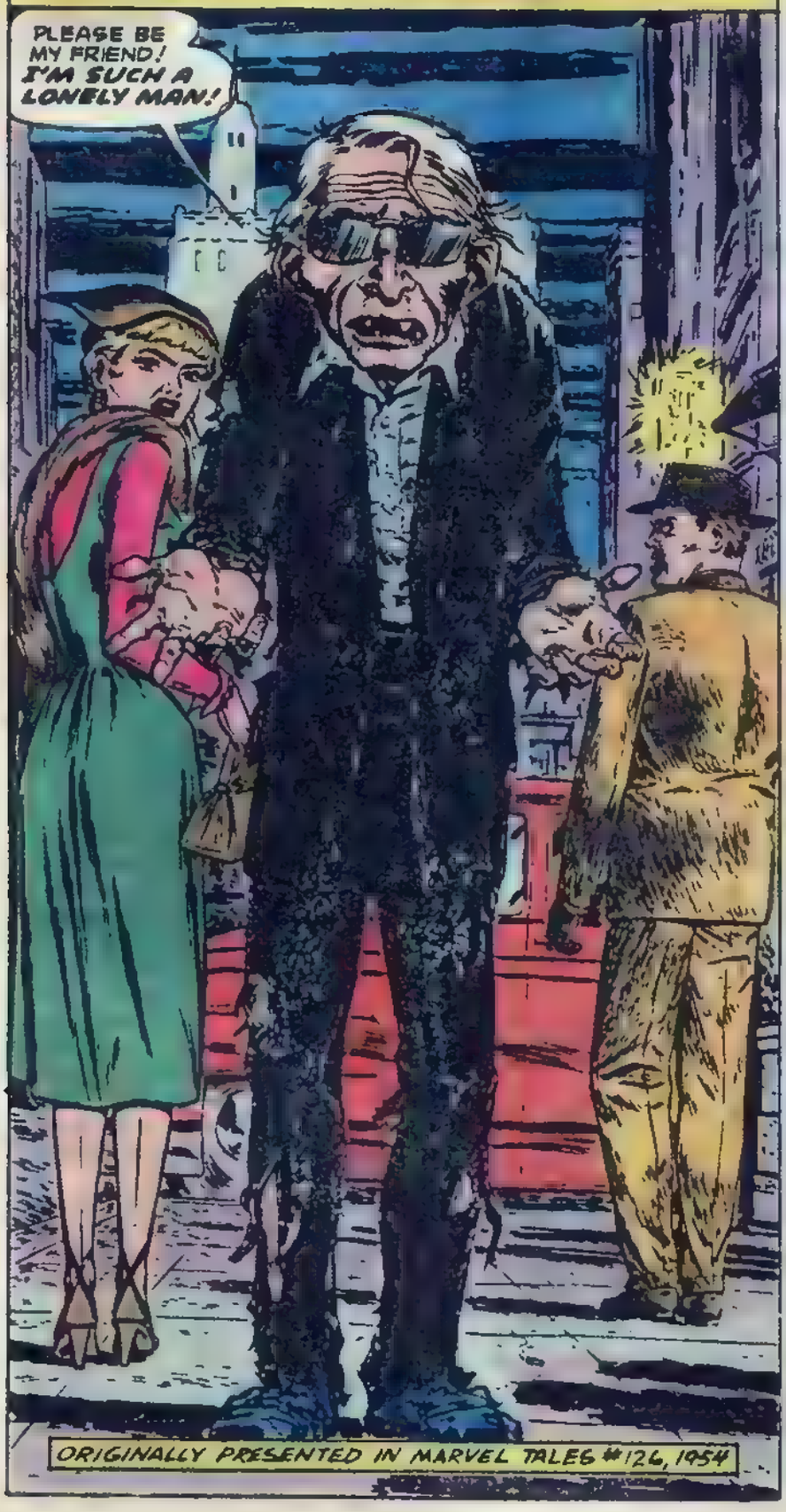

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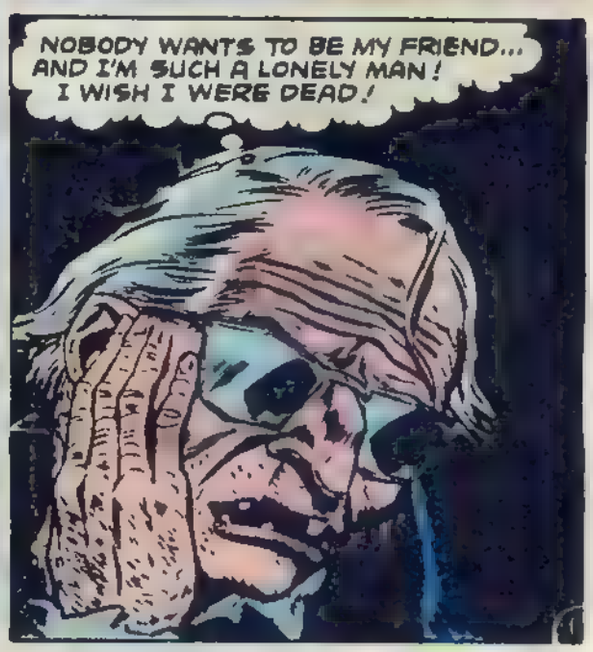

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You *know* it, neighbor! In our regular Bulletins section, elsewhere in this issue, we promised you a *whole 'nother page* of Marvel madness and munificence. And here it is!

From now on, we'll be using this space to herald the latest developments (both personal and professional) in our giant-sized 75¢ line, which is taking comicdom by storm—in our cockeyed CRAZY Magazine, which is gonna give the Humor Establishment a run for its money—in our far-out FOOM Club, which is already one of our biggest smashes ever (but you ain't seen *nuthin'* yet, folks)—in short, in just about *every* field of Marvel endeavor that we think would move and shake you!

Meanwhile, for our very *first* Bullpen Bonus Page:

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Oh, and before you ask — from our earliest mail-samples, it seems that just about everybody on the planet guessed that our perforated-edged portrait was meant to be a stamp of some kind. Inscrutable we'll never be!

Anyway, to see if the mag you're now reading contains a stamp to match the one on this page, why not flip over to the letters section! If the mag doesn't *have* a letters section, then maybe it'll be squirreled away somewhere else in the issue — or maybe this is one of very few mags we haven't got around to yet! (But by *next* month, just watch our smoke, O frantic follower of foolishness and frivolity!)

Right now, here's our irrepressible, irreplaceable, irremedial checklist——!

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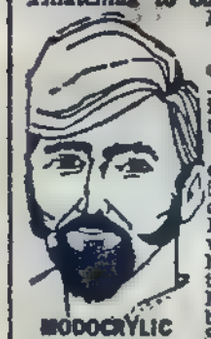

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NORTON'S MORBID THOUGHTS ARE LIKE REINS DRIVING HIM THRU THE CRUEL CITY, AND HE COMES TO A PLACE AS SAD AND LONELY AS HE IS!

A CEMETERY! YES, THAT'S WHERE I BELONG! I MIGHT AS WELL BE DEAD AS ALIVE... AND WITHOUT FRIENDS!

HIS FRAIL BODY FALLS ACROSS A GRAVE LIKE A BURLAP BAG OF BONES, AND HIS TEARFUL SOBS TIPTOE FROM TOMBSTONE TO TOMBSTONE, WHISPERING THE PLIGHT OF THE LONELY MAN...

AND THEN A FRIENDLY VOICE SPEAKS OUT FROM BEHIND THE DRAPES OF DARKNESS AND NORTON LOOKS UP IN AMAZEMENT!

W-WHO IS IT? WHAT DID YOU SAY?

I ONLY ASKED WHAT WAS WRONG, BUDDY! I'M THE NIGHT WATCHMAN HERE AND I HEARD YOU CRYING!

BUT YOU... YOU CALLED ME BUDDY! THAT MEANS YOU'RE A FRIEND!

CERTAINLY! COME ON, I'VE GOT MY LUNCHBOX AT THE SHACK! A SANDWICH AND SOME HOT COFFEE WILL MAKE YOU FEEL MUCH BETTER!

ALL RIGHT, BUT NOTHING CAN MAKE ME FEEL BETTER THAN HAVING A FRIEND!

FRIENDSHIP IS LIKE A WITCH'S MAGIC BREW TO NORTON'S LONELY SOUL, AND THE SMILE IT BRINGS TO HIS SAD FACE IS AS OUT OF PLACE AS A NEON SIGN IN A CEMETERY...

I HAVEN'T FELT SO GOOD SINCE THE LAST TIME I HAD A FRIEND!

WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?

IF TOMBSTONES COULD RUN, THE CEMETERY WOULD BE EMPTY .. BECAUSE THE SCREAM THAT RIPS THE SILENCE FROM THE WATCHMAN'S SHACK IS FILLED WITH HORROR...

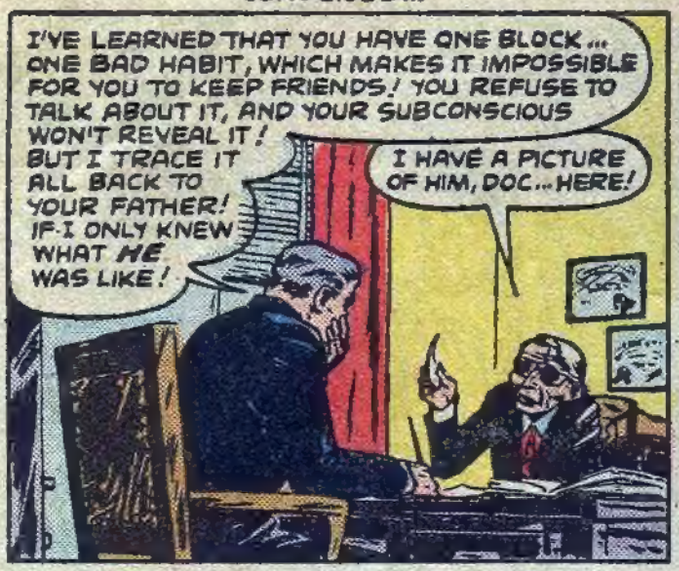
NO! NO! HELP!

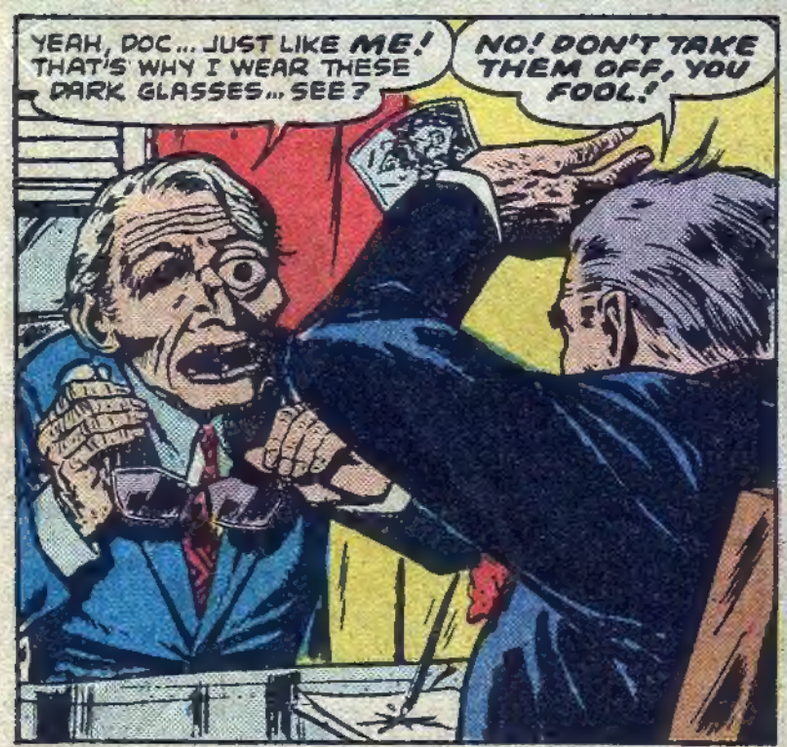
THEN THE DOOR OPENS SLOWLY AND THE LIGHT FROM THE SHACK BOLTS OUT INTO THE CEMETERY! NORTON FOLLOWS IT WITH STEPS MADE HEAVY BY SADNESS... FOR, ONCE AGAIN, HE IS ..THE LONELY MAN...

IF ONLY I DIDN'T HAVE THAT ONE BAD HABIT!

AND THE FOLLOWING NIGHT, NORTON PROWLS THE STREETS AGAIN ...
PLEASE BE MY FRIEND!
AND ONCE AGAIN HE IS SCORNED AND ABUSED...
... AND STAY OUT!
OW-W! BUT ALL I WANTED WAS FRIENDSHIP!
PLEASE BE MY FRIEND, SOMEBODY!
GREAT SCOTT! THIS IS AMAZING! THAT BUM IS PANHANDLING FRIENDSHIP!
HEY, MISTER... WILL YOU BE MY FRIEND?
I WILL IF YOU'LL PERMIT ME TO PSYCHOANALYZE YOU! I'M DR. KONDA, AND I'VE NEVER COME ACROSS A CASE AS INTERESTING AS THIS!
SURE, DOC! YOU CAN DO ANYTHING YOU WANT... AS LONG AS YOU'LL BE MY FRIEND!
SPLENDID! I'LL BUY YOU NEW CLOTHES, FEED YOU, AND GIVE YOU SPENDING MONEY! AND ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS SUBMIT TO MY TESTS!
ON MONDAY, DR. KONDA GIVES NORTON A RORSCHACH TEST TO DETERMINE HIS PERSONALITY CHARACTERISTICS!
THAT LOOKS LIKE A BAT, DOC!
ON TUESDAY, THE ANALYST HAS NORTON LIE ON A COUCH AND JUST TALK ABOUT HIMSELF...
...AND I ALWAYS WANTED FRIENDS... BUT I CAN'T KEEP THEM VERY LONG!
ON WEDNESDAY, THE DOC ASKS QUESTIONS...
DID YOU HATE YOUR MOTHER?
NO!
YOUR FATHER?
NO!
ON THURSDAY, NORTON IS PUT IN A HYPNOTIC TRANCE AND TESTED...
THAT'S A KNIFE IN YOUR HAND! KILL WITH IT!
NO! I LIKE PEOPLE!

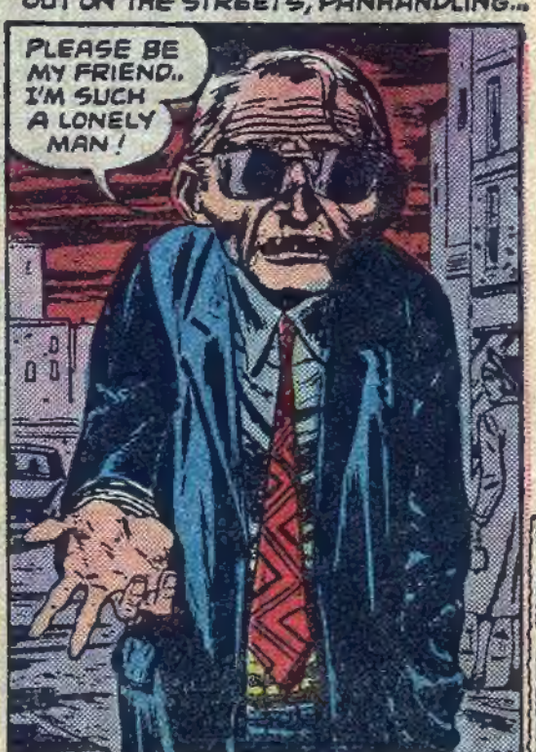
EVERY DAY A DIFFERENT TEST... AND WITH EACH TEST, DR. KONDA SNATCHES A FRAGMENT OF FORBIDDEN KNOWLEDGE FROM NORTON'S SUB-CONSCIOUS...


I'VE LEARNED THAT YOU HAVE ONE BLOCK... ONE BAD HABIT, WHICH MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO KEEP FRIENDS! YOU REFUSE TO TALK ABOUT IT, AND YOUR SUBCONSCIOUS WON'T REVEAL IT! BUT I TRACE IT ALL BACK TO YOUR FATHER! IF I ONLY KNEW WHAT HE WAS LIKE!
I HAVE A PICTURE OF HIM, DOC... HERE!



SADNESS BOWS NORTON'S HEAD AS HE LEAVES DR. KONDA'S PLACE... NORTON HAS LOST ANOTHER FRIEND...

AND ONCE AGAIN, NORTON DUNLAP IS OUT ON THE STREETS, PANHANDLING...



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